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Taking notes

A look at what's going on in the field of education.

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Two WKU students awarded Weather Service internships

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Jane Marie Wix of Brandenburg and Charles Danny Gant of Bowling Green, both junior meteorology majors in Western Kentucky University's Department of Geography and Geology, have been awarded 2009 Student Career Experience Program internships from the National Weather Service office in Louisville.

The highly competitive SCEP internship – about 60 were awarded nationally – gives meteorology students valuable work experience at an NWS forecast office under the guidance and direction of their university. Students complete at least 640 hours of hands-on, career-related work, including forecasting, research and outreach activities. Upon completion of the required work hours and graduation, the student may be offered a full-time position at the NWS on a non-competitive basis.

Both students have been engaged in sophisticated research over the past year in the meteorology program. Gant has been conducting research with Rezaul Mahmood, associate director of the Kentucky Mesonet, using Mesonet data to assess temperature measurement bias between two types of sensors. Wix has also been working with Mahmood on research funded by the Kentucky Climate Center, where she has been building flash flood climatology based on radar data.

Warren East student earns first place in 'Arrive Alive' contest

Warren East High School student Hillary James earned first place in the "Arrive Alive" Public Service Announcement contest sponsored by Hughes and Coleman law firm.

Students from Warren and surrounding counties were asked to write and produce a 30-second public service announcement about the dangers of drinking and driving. James was rewarded with a check for \$500, and her ad will be aired on local TV stations. Warren East High School also received a check for \$500.

Hiseville Elementary names Steven Murphy as the new principal

Steven D. Murphy will become the new principal of Hiseville Elementary School on July 1, replacing John Stith, who will become the Barren County School District's finance director.

Murphy is a teacher at Glasgow Middle School, where he has taught social studies and world civilization since 1994. He was a football coach for 12 years, an assistant baseball coach for 17 years and a head softball coach at Glasgow High School for the past two years. He served three

years on the school's Site-Based Decision-Making Council, Comprehensive School Improvement Planning Committee, Commonwealth Accountability Testing System analysis committee, and was head of the school's social studies department.

Warren Central, East earn six awards at business conference

Students from Warren Central and Warren East high schools earned a total of six awards at the Kentucky Future Business Leaders of America Conference April 14-16 in Louisville.

Warren Central's winners are Keenan Ray (first in marketing), Tim Lim (third in business calculations) and Goran Omerdic (fourth in economics).

Warren East's winners are Brooke Grimes (first in newsletter), Jacob Keith (second in impromptu speaking) and Morgan Hunt (third in business procedures). These students have qualified for FBLA's National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, Calif., this month.

Eight BGHS juniors selected for Governor's Scholars Program

Eight Bowling Green High School juniors have been selected to participate in the 2009 Governor's Scholars Program. Students will be assigned one of three college campuses, where they will complete the five-week session.

The students are: Jeffrey Austin, Keyana Boka, Emily Gott, Shelby Lawson, Josephine Lee, Brandon Russell, Carlos Sweeney and Sophie Wohltjen.

Students are selected based on academic achievement, their student profile, an essay and teacher recommendations.